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Green leader's campaign funds in doubt, July 13

It's funny what's front-page news. I've been wondering if there'd be the news of the world going through the 420 ppm CO2 (carbon dioxide) mark recently ... But nope, not here.

I suppose we're all so interested in returning to a Burning-As-Usual-World that we need to know about relative trivialities, not irreversible climate change.

It'd be nice to keep on top of this issue of climate with a specialist.

Didn't the Star once have an environment reporter?

Hamish Wilson, Toronto

Time for inaction on climate change is passed

It's time to get radical on the climate crisis, July 9

Canada's Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (Bill C-12) is intended to lead to a target of net-zero emissions by 2050. To reach that target, a bold plan must be put in place.

The burning of ancient fossil fuels is not compatible with a plan to get to net-zero emissions.

Our government must stop subsidizing oil and gas extraction.

It must invest in clean energy.

Environmental Defence published a report showing that, in 2020, Canada announced or provided \$18 billion in direct and indirect subsidies to the oil and gas sector, the very industries that are the root cause of the climate crisis we are in.

We have known about the global-warming effect for more than 60 years, yet our government is still procrastinating on taking bold action to channel funding from the fossil fuels sector into renewable and sustainable energy sources, and to treat the climate crisis as the emergency that it is.

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Teresa Ganna, Newmarket

Global campaign for fossil fuel treaty is vital

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Alyssa Scanga is right: "All the tree planting and carbon offsetting in the world won't fix the fact that fossil fuel dependency is rapidly destabilizing the Earth's climate."

This is why the global campaign for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is so important.

Unlike pledges to get to "Net-Zero" or promises to take "climate action," the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is resistant to greenwashing.

The treaty explicitly names the problem - the production and use of fossil fuels - and it provides a solution: an international agreement to phase out fossil fuels rapidly and invest in a just transition for workers and communities.

Our climate crisis is worsening, disproportionately affecting those already suffering as a result of systemic inequities. If we are to have a chance of averting irreversible and catastrophic climate breakdown, there is no other way, but to end the use of fossil fuels.

For the sake of young people like Alyssa Scanga, it is time to demand bold action and to do so in no uncertain terms.

Anne Keary, Toronto

Stop burning fossil fuels to lessen climate change

Mother Nature is begging for help. Will we listen?, July 13

Thank you for the piece by Jennifer Cole from Vancouver. Seven hundred people died in one week due to the heat dome ... impacts on sea animals, on the oceans, wildfires, the effects building up every day.

We need to act on climate change now with all the urgency it deserves.

We need to stop burning fossil fuels in all their forms.

A tax on carbon is one step, but we need to go further and use every tool available.

The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is a global treaty, inspired by the nuclear non-proliferation treaty of the cold war, and the Montreal Protocol through which we phased out ozone-depleting chemicals.

In Canada, the government subsidized the oil and gas industries to the tune of about \$18 billion in 2020.

Imagine if this money were used to transition to renewables!

The treaty is a commitment to the rapid phasing-out of fossil fuels, and to supporting workers, communities, and countries through this transition.

It goes a step further than the Paris agreement, a step we urgently need.

Canada must take seriously the need to reduce our national carbon footprint.

It's too late, we are already in the climate crisis, but we can still decide how bad it will be. Let's leave our children the knowledge and truth that we can come together for change, that we can fight to create something better for everyone, that we didn't give up.

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Rebecca Weigand, Toronto

Demand immediate action on climate change

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The contributor rightly calls out adults for "incrementalism," the new climate denialism, which is really a slow death march to Armageddon.

If you agree it's a climate emergency, act like it's a damn emergency!

It's a war we must win, for without victory, there is no survival.

You have a chance to do one thing right now: Fire off an email to your Toronto city councillor and copy your MPP and MP saying something like the following:

"Please support the motion of Councillors Mike Layton and Shelley Carroll to send Justin Trudeau a letter demanding that Canada join the Dalai Lama and 100 other Nobel Prize laureates calling for an end to the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure. There is already more than enough to bring the world to an end."

The politicians need to hear it from you. Do it right now! (I just did.)

John Stephenson, Etobicoke

Billionaire should be fighting climate change

Billionaire Branson rockets into space, July 12

Just wondering if anyone has calculated the carbon footprint of an idiotic billionaire blasting off to the edge of space? I guess it would be too much to hope that they use some of their billions to invest in solving climate warming, and actually contribute something back to the planet.

Janice Jones, Etobicoke

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